





Boston Antislavery Office October 1844.

Esteemed Friend

X You have learned, of course, some of the particulars in regard to the imprisonments of our colaborers, Charles F. Torrey at Baltimore, Md. and Capt. Jonathan Walker, at Pensacola, Florida, charged with the crime of having endeavored to fulfil, to the best of their ability, the golden rule, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The case of Capt. Walker in particular is one involving most important questions of civil rights; as well as the highest principles of justice and humanity. He was arrested on the high seas, by an act of most audacious piracy, and, though charged with no crime known to United States law, a national vessel was employed in transporting him from Key West to his present place of imprisonment, on board of which he was treated with most savage barbarity. His trial is to take place in November; and it is the desire of his friends that he may be assisted in his defence by counsel, and, if he should be convicted an appeal taken to the Supreme Court of the U. S. He is a poor man, and scarcely able to provide himself with the necessaries of life in his prison, and of course can do nothing towards paying for his defence. His wife and children, six in number, dependent entirely on his exertions for support, are now left utterly destitute. He can do nothing for them but to commend them to the care of Providence, and to the sympathy of those who are engaged in the same cause for which he is now suffering. Our object in now addressing you is to invite your cooperation and assistance for Mr Loring Moody, Chairman of the Committee appointed at Harwich, (the residence of Capt Walker) to take measures for the relief of himself and his family. He is engaged in the all important work of directing public attention to the flagrant outrage on individual freedom which is committed in his confinement, that the way may be prepared for an earnest and unequivocal expression of the indignation of the people, through the next Legislature, and in awakening public sympathy so furnish the means of sustaining him, and providing for his family till he may be restored

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to their embrace. X Mr Moody will visit your town in a few days (of which notice will be given) in the prosecution of his mission. He will come to you in no party spirit; but as a Man indignant at the wrongs of his brother man; as a Christian laboring to remove from our Country a moral curse, and as a Philanthropist pleading in behalf of the suffering and the dumb. He is admirably fitted for such a mission, being a man of good judgements and the utmost sincerity of purpose; and acquainted from his earliest years with the character of our suffering friend his fellow townsman; and he has proved his devotedness to the cause by employing his abilities in its service, both in his private circle, and as a member of a former Legislature, where he honorably distinguished himself by his anti-slavery efforts. Will you assist him in promoting his object, to the extent of your power, and secure the aid of the friends in your vicinity to the same purpose: by procuring a suitable place for his lecture, and giving extensive notice of it by providing for his entertainment, and transmitting him on his journey without expense to him; and by efforts to obtain as large a subscription as possible for the relief of the sufferers, for which object. Committee should be appointed to continue their exertions after his departure. It is desirable that the meeting should embrace the citizens generally, and it would be well in most instances, to obtain an expression of public opinion in the form of resolutions, which should be published as extensively as possible. X

Yours in behalf of the helpless.

H. J. Bowditch  
Henry W. Williams

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of Citizens of  
Harrowick.



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